

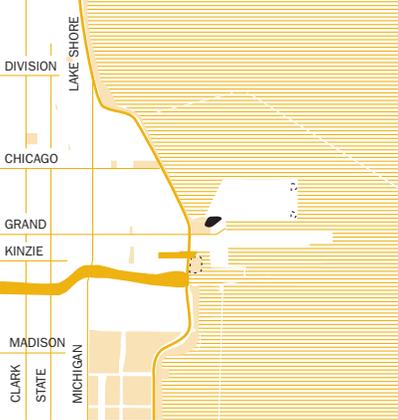
OLIVE PARK WOODLAND

The fenced-in woodland has had little work done with it so far in terms of encouraging native species. Most of the woods are dense and weedy in the understory. Nevertheless, the mere presence of the woods and the park's location jutting out into Lake Michigan makes the spot attractive for migrating birds. In addition to the woods, according to the *Birders Guide to the Chicago Region* by Lynne Carpenter and Joel Greenberg, a nearby stand of hawthorn trees by the wall of the filtration plant tend to attract thrushes and sparrows in migration and during winter.

Careful observers may spot loons, oldsquaw, and other waterfowl that frequent the lake during the cold months. Navy Pier's management has done a good job of providing interpretive signs regarding birds that may be seen at and around the pier.

The setting for Olive Park's small is dramatic, as the city's skyscrapers are its nearest backdrop as you look to the west and south.

Navy Pier in general, though not included in this guide to natural habitats, is a great place to look for arctic ducks out in Lake Michigan in the winter.



Olive Park Woodland



ADDRESS 500 N Lake Shore Dr
 OWNER City of Chicago
 ACREAGE 1.23

HABITATS
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DIRECTIONS Located on the northwest portion of the peninsula formed by Navy Pier and the water purification plant. Exit Lake Shore Drive at Grand Avenue. Parking is available at the lots on Navy Pier. Walk north from the buildings at Navy Pier toward the water's edge.

